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LEADER OF DYCKMAN HOUSES "HMOBB CREW"
PLEADS GUILTY TO CRACK AND COCAINE CONSPIRACY CHARGES

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, JOHN P. GILBRIDE, the Special Agent-In-Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's New York Field Division ("DEA"), RAYMOND W. KELLY, the Police Commissioner of the City of New York ("NYPD"), and HARRY J. CORBITT, Superintendent of the New York State Police ("NYSP"), announced that PATRICK DESROSIER, 33, pleaded guilty today to conspiring to distribute crack and powdered cocaine in New York City. DESROSIER entered his plea in Manhattan federal court before United States Magistrate Judge FRANK MAAS. According to the superseding Indictment to which DESROSIER pleaded guilty, other documents filed in this case, and statements made in Manhattan federal court:

DESROSIER was the leader of the "HMOBB Crew," a drug trafficking organization operating out of the Dyckman Houses in Manhattan. Between February 2006 and December 2007, the HMOBB Crew, under DESROSIER's direction, distributed kilogram quantities of crack and powder cocaine in Manhattan, the Bronx, and Brooklyn. Among other ways the HMOBB Crew received the cocaine that it then resold or cooked into crack and sold on City streets, was in shipments of televisions sets and other electronics.

DESROSIER pleaded guilty to the two narcotics conspiracy counts charged in the Indictment, and faces a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison on each charge. DESROSIER is scheduled to be sentenced on July 6, 2009 before United States District Judge VICTOR MARRERO.

The investigation and prosecution of the HMOBB Crew has resulted in the guilty pleas of seven other members of the Crew: GOODIE IMANI SAMUELS, ABNER ALSAINT, a/k/a "Bug," DALE TURNER, a/k/a "Black," NOEL BUTLER, a/k/a "Mario," ANDRE GIBBS, a/k/a "Dre," COREY HILL a/k/a "Ree," and REINALDO MERCADO, a/k/a "Neno."

Mr. DASSIN praised the outstanding investigative work of the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force, which is comprised of agents and officers of the DEA, the NYPD, and the New York State Police.

Assistant United States Attorneys JULIAN J. MOORE, BENJAMIN A. NAFTALIS, and KENNETH A. POLITE are in charge of the prosecution.

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